



Rule Up Discussion and Possible Filing

Proposed Amendment to
WAC 230-02-250
Bingo Equipment.

ITEM 16 (a) on the January 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Kevin Sherwood of Bingo Magic	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>We have received a Petition for Rule Change from Kevin Sherwood of Bingo Magic, a licensed manufacturer and distributor. Currently, WAC 230-02-250(4) requires entities, which manufacture and supply software that is interfaced with electronic bingo daubers, to be licensed by the Commission. Staff review is necessary to ensure the software cannot be manipulated to alter the outcome of a bingo game.</p> <p>Talex Bingo Management Systems requested the ability to install their software in electronic bingo daubers. On September 19, 2001, staff sent a letter to Talex informing them that if their bingo accounting software is not integrated into bingo equipment, they may supply the software without getting a license. Furthermore, the letter informed Talex that if the software is interfaced into the electronic bingo daubers, it is considered bingo equipment and they would need to be licensed (letter follows). Talex chose not to pursue licensure.</p> <p>Bingo Magic has now submitted a petition for rule change requesting that manufacturers of software for electronic bingo daubers no longer need to be licensed to supply software that is interfaced with bingo daubers.</p> <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Petition for Rule Change and attachment submitted by Kevin Sherwood, Bingo Magic2) Proposed amendment to WAC 230-02-2503) Letter to Talex dated September 19, 20014) Memo to the Commission outlining options for handling the Petition5) Letter to Mr. Sherwood notifying him of when his petition will be heard by the Commission	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Manufacturers.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Unknown at this time.	
Staff recommendation.	
Staff does not support the petition, due to possible compromises to the agency's regulatory program. Staff feel all equipment and software that is linked to gambling activities need to be reviewed to ensure manipulation of the games are not possible, whereby protecting the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest.	